

	<b>OPERATING PROCEDURE</b>	
	<b><i>STROKE (CVA)</i></b>	
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### BLS

1. Perform initial patient assessment and obtain pertinent medical history. A thorough neurological assessment is of particular importance. Utilize the Cincinnati Stroke Scale.
2. Establish and maintain patent airway, administer OXYGEN, and provide ventilatory assistance as required. Use airway adjuncts as needed.
3. Position the unconscious or semiconscious stroke patient on their side (paralyzed side down) provided that no signs of trauma are present
4. If unconscious, refer to Unconscious Protocol
5. Obtain blood sugar level. If hypoglycemic, refer to Diabetic protocol

### ALS ONLY

6. Connect patient to cardiac monitor and document rhythm strip. Treat life-threatening dysrhythmias according to appropriate protocol
7. Establish an IV of 0.9% Sodium Chloride. Do not delay transport to establish IV access.
8. Transport as soon as possible. If applicable, advise the receiving facility to alert the "Stroke Team"

### MEDICAL CONTROL ONLY

9. Administer other medication or carry out other interventions as ordered by On-Line Medical

*Control.*